

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

Horvath et al.

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For: PLANTS HAVING IMPROVED GROWTH  
CHARACTERISTICS AND A METHOD FOR MAKING THE  
SAME

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March 16, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION TO EXTEND**

Petition is hereby made to extend the life of the above-entitled application (which qualifies as a Small Entity) for three month(s) from the due date of December 16, 2008, of the Official Action dated September 16, 2008.

An extension fee of \$555 is now attached in order that a Request for a continuation application may be filed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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